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VIA COURIER AND EMAIL

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 02-45

Global NAPs, Inc. Petition for Arbitration Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Establish an Interconnection Agreement with
Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts f/k/a New England Telephone
& Telegraph Co., Inc. d/b/a Bell Atlantic Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

The agreed-upon schedule in this case, (as modified by the Joint Motion For Extension of Time), requires the parties to file a contract governing the terms and conditions of exchanging traffic between them on or before January 17, 2003. It is my pleasure to let you know that Global NAPs, Inc. has determined to opt-in to another contract under its federally conferred §251(i) right. This eases the administrative burden for all concerned since the opt-in requested is for a contract specific to Massachusetts that has already been reviewed and approved by the Department (*i.e.*, the Agreement between Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts and SPRINT Communications Company L.P.).

Attached please find the following:

- ?? Fax of January 9, 2003 requesting opt-in to the above referenced Agreement (including completed "Information Request Form");
- ?? Correspondence to Bruce P. Beausejour, Esq. regarding a clarification of the terms and conditions of exchanging ISP-bound information access traffic in Massachusetts.

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Global NAPs, Inc. has not heard back from Verizon regarding Verizon's requirements to effect this opt-in, but understands that, as a matter of law, such opt-in became effective between the parties when requested, *i.e.*, on January 9, 2003. Global stands ready to provide whatever information Verizon may need to establish different names and addresses for various notice provisions, as indicated on the fax cover sheet of January 9, as well as to execute a document attesting to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement by signature(s) of authorized Global NAPs, Inc. officers and/or agents.

Finally, please note that the parties listed on the service list are being served electronically via e-mail. I welcome any questions you may have and hope that Global's opt-in lightens at least one aspect of the many administrative burdens on the Department's limited resources.

Sincerely,

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